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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Confirmation No.: 9715

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For: Electric Power Steering Apparatus

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 RECEIVED

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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time now set for response be extended, retroactively, by two months. The required petition fee for a large entity is submitted herewith. If any further extension of time is required to avoid abandonment of this application, such extension is hereby requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and

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Respectfully submitted,

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